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TEAM ISRAEL

שחקנית טניס שולחן פלמניה

את ולריה פנצו במגרשי הטניס שולחן, שיער בהיר, עיניים כחולות, נמוכה וקופצנית. ולריה בת 25 מלזה ב 11/11/77 היא הבת הבכורה יש לה עוד אח צעיר ממנה. לטניס שולחן נחשפה לראשונה לפני 9 שנים כשצפתה בתחרות שנרמה לה להתרגשות רבה וכך הגיעה לספיישל אולימפיק. ולריה גרה בהוסטל כבר 4 שנים יחד עם עוד חמישה אנשים בעלי פיגור שכלי, הריה לא יכולה להתמודד עם צרכיה המיוחדים, ועם התקציב הנמוך שקיבלו מהממשלה. כשסיימה את התיכון ניסתה למצוא עבודה אבל בגלל מוגבלותה לא קיבלו אותה, בהוסטל רוב היום לא עושים שום דבר וטניס שולחן זה העיסוק העיקרי שלה. היא זכתה במקום הראשון בתחרות שזויתה בין 19 הוסטלים גוססים וההשתתפות באולימפידה היא בבוזינת הגשמת חלום. זאת הפעם הראשונה שהיא יוצאת מגבולות המדינה, היא אף פעם לא היתה במסעדה או הופעה הכל בפעם בראשונה למעשה זו הפעם הראשונה שהיא יוצאת מהמסכת שלה, והכל בזכות הספיישל אולימפיק. ולריה התאהבה באירלנד, האנשים כאן נחמדים ומדיבים ומכירים את כלם לשלום. חוץ מטניס שולחן היא מנגנת בגיטרה ושרה בכנסיה, היא התחילה לשר כבר בגיל 4.

ולריה רוצה להוכיח לכולם מה היא יכולה להשיג בזכות הספיישל אולימפיק, היא לא באוזה שתזכה במקום הראשון אבל ב 100% שבמקום השני. לספורטאים האחרים היא רוצה לאחל בהצלחה, שישמרו על עצמם ושיגשימו את חלומם.

המסר שהיא רוצה להעביר לכולם הוא שלא יצחקו על ילדים עם מוגבלות כי הם לא מכירים ומבינים אותם, בלעניה קראו לה בשמות והציקו לה אבל היא מלחת לכולם, היא סקודה שאנשים יכירו את האוכלוסיה של האנשים עם פיגור שכלי.

אנחנו מאחלות ללריה שתגשים את החלום!!!
בהצלחה!!!

TEAM JAPAN

The Iranian head coach told us, "My children say, 'You are very busy but what you are doing is fantastic and we are proud of you.'" His involvement with Special Olympics goes back to the time when he was working in a rehabilitation center.

He thought participating in sports games would be a good activity for people with learning disabilities. He gained the license of the head delegation in Iran four years ago and became a head coach.

He can speak six different languages – Iranian, English, Arabic, French, Persian and Japanese. Many athletes asked him to come to Ireland with them.

He thinks the good points of being a head coach are being able to have a great time with athletes through the Games, having communication with them in the training programs and also being able to go to different countries and have a great experience with athletes.

He has 20 male and five female athletes competing in the Games. He said, "I want the athletes and the coaches to enjoy themselves in the Games. But it would be great for us if we could bring a few medals back to Iran."

He told us, "My job as a professor and a coach of Special Olympics are my life work. I'm having a great time and experience with Special Olympics. I want to be a coach who is proud of his athletes."

"We have many winter sports in Iran, so I am looking forward to going to Japan with my athletes for the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games!"

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TEAM ITALY

Troiano Alessandro, 18 & Santilli Diego, 16

Un buon messaggio da non sottovalutare

I partecipanti di Global Youth Summit dall'Italia, Diego Santilli (#16) e Alessandro Troiano (#18) hanno intervistato l'atleta Nikolaos Asepsis di Special Olympics Grecia.

Nikolaos fa parte di Special Olympics da 10 anni. Questa e' la prima volta che partecipa ai Giochi Mondiali di Special Olympics e percio' e' veramente felice di incontrare nuova gente e fare nuovi amici. In un'intervista della delegazione di Global Youth Summit dall'Italia lui ha dato l'impressione di essere felice e molto motivato a giocare la partita al meglio delle sue possibilita'.

Io sono un atleta di Special Olympics Grecia. Sono nato il 26 Giugno del 1981.

Ho partecipato ad altre partite di basket nei giochi nazionali in Grecia con la mia squadra di Salonicco.

Oltre al gioco del basket, pratico anche il calcio e il mio calciatore preferito si chiama Hauristeas e gioca in Germania.

I miei genitori sono morti in un incidente stradale avvenuto nel 1989. Ora io vivo insieme a mio fratello e sono occupato nell'azienda familiare che lavora la lana del lama.

Secondo me la cerimonia di apertura e' stata fantastica; in particolare, ho trovato emozionante l'ingresso di Nelson Mandela nello stadio.

Mi sento onorato di rappresentare il basket della mia nazione e sono molto felice di essere qui a Dublino, a vivere questa bellissima esperienza.

Il mio messaggio per i responsabili di Special Olympics e':

"Io vorrei gareggiare sempre contro avversari che hanno una vera forma di disabilita' come me; a volte questo non succede".



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TEAM ALASKA

Gymnast in Ireland

We met Trista Kutcher at one of the stations in the Healthy Athletes™ Center while she was waiting for her turn at the fitness booth. She is from South Carolina, USA, and has just finished divisioning for the bars at the 2003 Special Olympic World Summer Games in Ireland. She's looking forward to final competition this Friday. Trista has two younger sisters who helped her prepare for competition. She enjoys eating pizza and hanging out with her best friend Paula.

"I am 14 years old and I started dancing at age two and began competing in gymnastics for Special Olympics at age eight. I have won 36 medals in gymnastic competition. I like competing on the bars the best," notes Trista.

Trista goes to a school of 1,400 students in an inclusion program. She is involved in a peer mentorship program where disabled and non-disabled students come together to participate in fun activities. One of Trista's dreams for the future is to become a teacher.



TEAM ISRAEL

או, או, או, אי חולת של כדורגל.....

זה היום השישי שלנו באירלנד, היום היה ה"יום", נסענו לצפות במשחק כדורגל של נבחרת ישראל נגד בוסניה, תחרות גאווה ליוזתה אותנו כשראינו את השחקנים רצים מקצה אחד של המגרש לשעבר בחליפות כחול לבן תוצרת הארץ, זאת המאמן חאלים פרעי צועק הערות בעיברית. קבוצה קטנה של מעודדים שמרכבת בעיקר ממנהלים, מאמנים, עיתונאים והורים הריעה בכל פעם שזיה מאלף מרחק, כפי שלא מביטת בכדורגל ולא רואות משחקים אנטו חייבות להזדוץ שנהנו והתרגשנו ! לאחר ניצחון מחוץ של הנבחרת 6:0 ניסיון להבין קצת מה המשמעות של הספיישל אולימפיק עבור השחקנים, פגשנו את מיסים בכר בן 19 מהרצליה ואת רותם ארד בן 17.5 מקיבוץ החותרים – שוער הנבחרת. מיסים ורותם לומדים ב"ים" "שפיריים" בגבעת חיים, ב"ים" לוחנד סיווד לילדים עם לקויות למידה. ניסים משחק כדורגל מגיל 7 ולספיישל אולימפיק הגיע לפני שנתיים וחצי כשהתחיל ללמוד בשפיריים, גומסבו - המורה לספורט - המליץ עליו וניסים המליץ על רותם (המלצה טובה – ראינו!!!).

איך התרגשנו בטקס הפתיחה כשנצטרפתם וייצגתם את ישראל?

רותם: אני מאחל לכל בן אדם שיתוזה את החוויה, התרגשנו שאני מייצג את ישראל והייתי גאה להיות חלק מהנבחרת, שיראו שאנחנו על הספה. בטקס לא הריעו לנו כל כך וזה נתן לי יותר אכזבה. לנצח, להראות לכולם שהנשם היהודי תמיד ישורד ויכיר בן.

מה המשמעות של התחרות הזאת עבורך?

רותם: זו חוויה, רק מי שחווה את זה יודע איזה חוויה זו, מי שנתן את המקסימום באימונים והיה מספיק טוב מגיע לו לייצג את המדינה ולהיות חלק מהנבחרת.

איך התרגשנו להיות חלק מהספיישל אולימפיק?

רותם: בהחלט היה לי קשה בגלל ההגדרה של חינוך מיוחד, אבל קיבלתי את עצמי, זה אני, אני לא שונה מאף אחד, לכל אחד יש בעיה ולי יש קשיי למידה, אני מרגיש שאני מייצג את המדינה וזה לא משנה אם זה חינוך מיוחד או רגיל. לפני שפיריים למדתי ב"ים רגיל והתקשתי להסתגל לתוכנית הלימודים, בשפיריים עשיתי חלק מהבגרויות. חשוב לציין שהספיישל אולימפיק לא מיועד רק לילדים בעלי פיגור שכלי אלא גם לתלמידים עם לקויות למידה.

מיסים: אנטו מאוד מצריכים את חיים, עדי וגורא (מנהל הסא), התייחסו אלינו כמו אל הבנים שלהם, בלעדיהם לא היינו מגיעים למה שהגענו.

השתתפנו גם באליפות אירופה לפני שנתיים בברוקלין, ניצחנו את צ'כיה בגמר והבאנו את הגביע.

מה דעתך על רמת הספורט בארץ?

הרמה בארץ לרעתי גבוהה אבל אין מספיק כבוד בין השחקנים, הקבוצה שלנו מנוכשת, באנו לקחת את הגביע ורק ביחד כקבוצה נלחית לעשות את זה ולא כבודדים.

חבריה, אנטו מחזיקות לכם אכזבות, בהצלחה !!!

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TEAM JORDAN

Getting Into It

Different languages, different faces, but one dream — to make a difference. This was our goal for our day, actually for the rest of our life. When Ron Vederman (Special Olympics Director, Schools and Youth Outreach) told us that we are going to make a TV show we were really excited, although I didn't know that it was going to be that incredible.

At first I thought I wouldn't talk at all. I was so nervous and so was my partner Susan. We were scared of making one mistake that will follow us for the rest of our lives. However, great heroes started arriving who made us feel so relaxed and happy. There were Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Timothy Shriver, Run DMC and lots of great people. However, it wasn't about celebrities, it was about us — partners, athletes and everyone involved in Special Olympics. Anyway, everyone in the Helix theatre said great things, things which made me think more about the future of Special Olympics.

Some of the partners who were there said beautiful things about their experience with their athletes: how they met, how Special Olympics is in their country and how they became good friends. For example, there was Joanne and Claudia who were so close that I thought they were sisters. They were hugging each other and holding each other's hands. The most impressive moment was when Claudia, the athlete, put her head on Joanne's shoulder. That moment was like a miracle to me, for it brought two people who some believe are different together, so close that even the cameraman noticed and concentrated on them.

On the other hand, I was really surprised at all the young students of an Irish school who were confident enough to talk in front of the camera, expressing their opinions on our subject.



TEAM NAMIBIA

Athlete Máximo Pacheco, from Chile, was born on 17 October 1984. His partner is Cristian Maluje. Both are chaperoned by Francisco Lobos.

Cristian and Máx, who attend different schools about 15km away from each other, met at Cristian's school at a paper recycling lesson. Máx and his schoolmates came over to Cristian's school to teach them how to recycle paper. At this meeting the two boys became friends during the question-and-answer session. The two boys experienced a spontaneous liking for each other and began visiting each other regularly.

Máx loves going to his local church and has found joy in Special Olympics. Special Olympics has changed his life so much that he will always be part of it. Apart from playing bowling, table tennis, long jump, 2000m running and volleyball, he has learnt so much through his involvement. He has especially learnt to share and respect everyone for who they are and most important to accommodate other people's opinions.

Both Cristian and Máx have a few things in common. They both like pets, music and watching television, while Cristian loves reading in addition.

Máx is the only child in his family. His mother passed away and he currently lives with his aunt.

Máx is a cheerful young man who desires to have a great happy future through the Special Olympics family.



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TEAM SOUTH AFRICA

Having been an athlete and given the advantage to be on the Board of Directors where you speak for the athletes from your experience is an achievement on its own. Recruited by a friend 18 years ago, Stacey shared her joy and hardship experience along the way

This is what she has to say:

"I used to participate in many activities in Special Olympics that included speed ice skating, speed roller skating and golf. I was mostly inspired by my friends who always encourage me. Getting competition opportunities also added some juicy in my success.

"My parents were not that strict. They always encouraged me to go out with other friends and have fun, unlike other families who don't want their children to play with others. She says in future she wants more athletes to be involved in the Special Olympics and other organizations.

"My goal is to continue to survive, help Special Olympics to become successful. I believe in equal treatment for all. My message to the youth is let's come together and break all the barriers on our way."

Stacey won't be competing in these Games.

TEAM HONG KONG

為接教職，今次帶領隊伍來自美國華盛頓州的彭丹年剛參加2015年夏季特殊奧運會。Paul Hingy先生已屆五十一歲，他畢業於大學學修社會學系，之後為補習人士訓練，擔任全職教練已有二十五年了。熱衷擔任多項球隊導師，他稱的相信係聯隊、籃球、體操、其他項目、田徑及游泳的教練，可謂一位全能教練。他非常熱愛此份工作，但覺得給有弱智人士視聽是一件充滿挑戰的工作，當一名小孩從未接觸過游泳，經過他悉心教導後，成為一位出色的運動員，並能參加游泳隊大的比賽與比賽，從中他獲得莫大的成就感。當他的運動員在比賽中展現他們最大的努力，並能獲得獎牌，給他們上台慶祝。

在Paul Hingy先生的教練生涯中，他曾經遇到不少的困難。他表示每位運動員都有不同的性格、天分，每位都有他們的弱點，以他的四次運動經驗，其中游泳技術較高於其他項目，學習能力亦比較高，跟同外游者在技術掌握方面仍有待改進。Paul Hingy先生會以不同的教學方法教導不同的學員，但總會欣賞，他認為最缺乏的教學方法最好能與只到一位運動員，而且每次只可以教授一種技巧，讓他們先熟悉另一種技巧，再循序漸進予以教導。能夠看見運動員不斷進步，他感到非常興奮及欣慰。當運動員做錯某一動作，或只有很少進步，Paul Hingy先生不會責備他們，反而有耐性地解釋及給予鼓勵。他認為這才是對待運動員的正確態度。

在15年前，Paul Hingy先生當前一職在華盛頓州教授游泳。相對教導殘障人士，正常學生的學成能力較快，每課課可以教授多項技術，但現時對華盛頓州教授殘障人士，教導殘障人士是為困難無比耐心及耐性。

從大家的反饋中，可見教導殘障人士首要具備耐心，而後訓練比變通更有效。我們亦將繼續與特殊奧運會的領導不斷於運動員方面作出比較，而根據他們作出調整。所以我們一直與給予鼓勵、訓練他們運動員的領導層學習比賽。Paul Hingy先生的經驗成為我們的榜樣。

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TEAM PERU

Toda una estrella

Sandra Célis, que mas podemos decir. Estábamos saliendo del la ciudad Olimpica uando nos econtramos con el equipo de Perú. Para nosotras fue una gran emoción por que Claudia que esta con nosotros en la cumbre de Jóvenes entrnaba glnmasia con ellas hace poco tiempo. Asimismo, Eliana, la chaperona era la entrenadora hace muy poco tiempo y yo trabajo como voluntaria ayudando a la actual entrenadora.

Cuando vimos al equipo peruano a lo lejos no podíamos creer lo que veimos. Junto con su entrenado, Inés Barrantes, venían cuatro gimnastas y entre ellas tenían 18 medallas!; Sandra Célis era una de ellas. Sandra tiene 17 años y nació el siete de enero. Sandrita viene de una familia grande, su padre Miguel Célis, su madre María Jesus, su hermano Gian Franco y su hermana Almendra. Sandra estaba muy emocionada y nos contaba que le agradecía mucho a sus padres su apoyo y como se esforzaban para que ella pudiera acceder a Olimpiadas Especiales y mejores cosas.

Sandrita ganó cinco medallas; oro en cinta, plata en balon, mano libre y en la general, y finalmente bronce en aro. Sandra estaba muy emocionada por que su sueño era poder ganar una medalla de oro en las olimpiadas, y lo hizo. Sabra a estaba practicando la gimnasia desde los ocho años y siempre ha sido el deporte que más le ha gustado.

Le preguntamos que eran las cosas que más le gustaban hacer cuando tenía tiempo libre y nos contó que le fascina escuchar música, ver televisión, y actuar para ser algun dia estrella de televisión y teatro. Asimismo, Sandra nos contó que ya terminó el colegio y que en la ceremonia de inauguración fue hermosa. Sandra nos pidióque les dijéramos a todos que buena suerte y que sigan trabajando para poder sacar lo mejor de ustedes!



TEAM JAPAN

Interviewee: Tamar Goren, Special Olympics Israel

Interviewee birthday: November 1953

Her name is Tamar Goren; she is 49 years old and a therapist. She has five children, including four handicapped adopted children. She has one boy who is 10 years old and four girls who are 14, 15, 16 years old. One of the girls, Gali, is a member of this Global Youth Summit.

It's a very nice thing to be in this group. Tamar is speaking about Special Olympics like this. This interview started when interviewer Kazushige Takeuchi was drawing the picture.

Tamar is a foster parent of four children with Down syndrome and one of them is in the Global Youth Summit same as us.

She said about her daughter, "She couldn't breathe well and couldn't get up from the floor when she was 1 year old. So she is my pride girl and very happy to be in this group now. And she is growing up now; she understands everything. She can listen to people and talk to everyone, which is really wonderful. When I am busy she always helps me. She likes to go shopping.

She told us about handicapped children in Israel. "In Israel, if someone has Down syndrome, they will be locked out of their house or they will stay in the hospital about 10 days, than one month in a temporary house. Then they will stay at home."

Tamar was helping a friend who was working in temporary house. Her friend was training the children to keep their balance and at that time there were not enough balls, so she asked to Gali to get new balls. Tamar saw so many beautiful and cute children.

Her friend said to Tamar, "You can bring Gali down to your house," first as a joke and then seriously. Tamar had got Gali to homestay and finally she took care of her. For Tamar, that was the beginning of taking care of children who have handicaps. And now there are four children like Gali and they have fun everyday.

Tamar said, "I am glad to get involved with the Global Youth Summit delegation of my country." She repeated the same sentence so many times. After finishing the interview, the interviewer thought, "So many volunteers, athletes and family members have beautiful minds like hers."



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TEAM INDIA

Sriram Kavassary Rajamani

Sriram Kavassary Rajamani is a 27-year-old athlete who has come all the way from India to take part in the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games. This is the first time that Sriram is taking part in the World Games.

He is going to be taking part in 100m run this year. His other hobbies include long jump, high jump and 200m. He is also very talented at making covers for books and loves to make candles. He also does yoga.

Sriram is very excited about being here in Dublin and he feels that this is the happiest moment of his life. He is a very confident athlete and he knows and feels that he is definitely going to achieve a lot in life!

Country: India

Date: 23 June

Sport: Powerlifting

Today we interviewed an athlete from Egypt. Her name was Walaa Said and she was born on 26 February 1984.

She has been involved with Special Olympics for the past three years, though this is the first time she is taking part in the World Games. This year she is taking part in powerlifting. Walaa is very fond of table tennis and basketball too.

She has a very supportive family, including her mom, dad, sister and brother. They have always been supportive toward Walaa and support her through anything that she does.

Some of Walaa's other interests are to play video games and to surf the net for movies on sports.

Walla feels that back in Egypt the people are very supportive and treat them as if they are just like any of us. Society accepts them for what they are and are very fond of these children.

Walaa hopes that God is with her and with all the athletes who are taking part in Special Olympics. She hopes that everyone gets a fair chance to prove themselves and does their best!



TEAM PARAGUAY

Nevegando con Jay

Jay Nothnagle es de EEUU, del equipo Massachusettz. Tiene 29 años y su cumpleaños es el 20 de febrero. Nos contó que ésta es la tercera vez que participa de los Juegos de Verano de Olimpiadas Especiales. Dijo que la que más le gusta fue ésta, nos contó que le gustan los animales pero no puede tener ninguna mascota porque vive en un departamento, también que trabaja en un supermercado, tiene dos hermanos, una hermana que es doctora y un hermano, además tiene una novia que se llama Sara y tiene cuatro años menos que él. Le quiere mucho, su entrenador es Jeff Nothnagle.

Nos ha dicho también que le gustó mucho el viaje y los que más le gusta de Irlanda es la gente, la comida, las chicas y todo lo que hay.

El día de hoy participo de 5 competiciones de las cuales la primera obtuvo el primer puesto, la segunda el primer puesto, la tercera también el primer puesto, la cuarta el segundo puesto y en la quinta carrera edivinen que, otro primer puesto. Nos ha comentado que en Olimpiadas Especiales se divierte mucho porque hace muchos deportes diferentes como el de atletismo, basquetbol, fútbol, handball y otros.

El uniforme de su delegación es azul, tiene un chaleco salvavidas de los colores de la bandera americana, y sus zapatos también tienen la bandera americana.

Nos dijo que hizo muchos amigos, pero que no se acuerda de que país son.

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TEAM TENNESSEE

The faith of a mother in Panama proved to be true when her two daughters made it to the 2003 Special Olympic World Summer Games. Mrs. Cortez is the mother of Jenny and Patricia Cortez, who are two athletes competing in aquatics. Getting here was no easy feat for them, but all it took was some hard work and a lot of faith.

There was a lady with two daughters with mental retardation coming from a poor family. Their father had to transfer to a different city just to maintain his job. They had to travel an hour once a week just to get to swimming practice. It cost them lots of money, money that they did not have. The mother was determined to get them involved and she would do whatever it took. The girls both got involved in aquatics and they were very good at it. Jenny won three gold medals in the nationals and Patricia won one. The mother wanted nothing more than both of her daughters to make it to the World Games. The mother was worried that only one of her daughters would make it to the Games and she would not know how to explain to the other why she couldn't go. The mother prayed and prayed every day to Divino Nino (Jesus Christ). The day of the drawing came and miraculously both girls were drawn. With all the odds against them and nothing going for them, "a little faith" took them the whole way, said the mother.

TEAM POLAND

Alocha. Tu marcin pisze do was z Dablina, w tym czasie – miasta Olimpiady Specjalnej.. Dzisiaj mialem przyjemnosc przeprowadzic wywiad z dwiema wolontariuszkami z Namibii oraz zawodnikiem z RPA.

Oto krótkie streszczenie wiadomosci o nich .

Mukouhe .Rakimi - Namibia. Ma 15 lat. O programie dowiedziala sie na urodzinach Nelsona Mandelii Lubi ogladac telewizje, tanczyc, spiewac, pisac poematy. Ze sportow - kocha: gracw siatkowke, oraz uprawiac gimnastyke i atletyke.

Jak sie dowiedzialem w jej kraju mur oddzielajacy osoby chodzace do normalnych szkol i osoby chodzace do szkol specjalnych jest bardzo duzy. Przestraszyly mnie jej nastepne slowa. Otoz rodzice dzieci ze specjalnymi potrzebami nie pozwalaja im zadawac sie z innymi dziecmi. Owi opiekunowie trzymaja tkie dziecko w domu I nie pozwalja aby swiat zewnetrzny otworzyl przed nimi drzwi. Takie dzieci siedza w domu jak w wiezieniu. Mukouhe chcialaby to zmienic . Dlatego jest bardzo szczesliwa ze w nim uczestniczy i jest dumna ze moze byc w takim programie. Jej pragnieniem jest to, aby po powrocie do domu zmieniać ludzi; aby nie bylo zadnych bari-er pomiedzy ludzmi normalnymi a ludzmi z upolsledzeniem intelektualnym; aby ludzie zapoznali sie z programem i zaakceptowali go.

Freda .Kembengula - Namibia. Ma lat 13. Dowiedziala sie o programie w szkole od nauczyciela - gdzie program jest promowany. Jej hobby to taniec i zakupy, a ze sportow: koszykowka, pilka nozna i lekka atletyka, oraz inne.

O programie mysli, ze jest bardzo intersujacy i daje duzo mozliwosci, a co najwazniejsze daje mozliwosc poznania ludzi ze specjalnymi potrzebami oraz pkazuje jak: (...)mili sa ci ludzie(...)

Rofchicza Manaczadu- Republika Poludniowej Afryki. Ma 20 lat Jest milym gosciem a takze zawodnikiem. Uprawia lekka atletyke. Kocha rowniez hokej. Ma 2 braci i 1 siostre. Z programem zapoznal sie na urodzinach Nelsona Mandelii Tak jak Mukouhe (ktora jest jego tlumaczka) Rofchicza jest bardzo szczesliwy z tego ze jest w Irlandii a usmiech na jego twarzy to potwierdza.

Ogolnie: dzisiaj obserwowalem mecze koszykowki. pomiedzy Izraelem i Slowenia, oraz pomiedzy USA a Bahama. Wszyscy zawodnicy grali bardzo dobrze i fer play, no moze z malymi wyjatkami w meczu drugim.

Bardzo mi sie podobala oprawa muzyczna meczy (np. We are a champion -zespolu Queen). Jednak najbardziej podobalo mi sie zachownie Slowencow po meczu (przegrali) –nie mieli zwieszonych glow. NIE, nic z tych rzeczy. Cieszyli sie, ze moga ten sport uprawiac i ze robia to tak dobrze, ze uczestnicza w mistrzostwach.

W dzisiejszych czsach zapomnielismy ze sport to nie sposob aby sie wzbogacic, a sposob na zdrowie, relax i dobra organizacja czasu wolnego.



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威動Star 和中國運動員善意 Shan Yi 的故事

當我們來到2003夏季國際特殊奧林匹克運動會場時候，我們還不認識單毅。只知道他是代表中國北京來參加特奧全球青少年高峰會議的運動員。到第二天，大家要走路去RDS媒體中心時，我們的監護人文馨姊姊怕威動無聊，於是要威動跟單毅牽手，他們兩個一路上談的很愉快，直到我們去吃飯。不過從他們分開回到各自的房間以後，威動就一直提到單毅的事。一開始我們覺得還不錯，跟朋友相處可以暫時讓他把話匣子停下來，不會一直重複同樣的事情。但是後來在這一天當中，我們慢慢覺得威動開始不理我們，甚至對我們感到厭煩，好像只有他的朋友是對的一樣，讓我們覺得情況不對勁。

到目前為止已經第四天了，威動自己說：「我的心已經送給單毅，拿不回來了。」讓我覺得真不知道該怎麼辦才好。

記得剛認識單毅的第二天晚上，為了準備隔天到都柏林大學與MTV電視台錄製Changing Attitudes-One at a Time (Staring with Yourself)的事情，我的姊姊到我房間來，跟我討論些隔天可能會提出的問題，她教我很多事情，也讓我知道，原來是我太在意威動，命令他做很多事情，讓他覺得我不是他的朋友而是監護人。她說：其實這就是我們這次來參加青少年高峰會議要學習的。我們不只要同情智障者，而是要學習從雙面溝通中怎麼跟他們相處。

第三天MTV錄影完後我感到很憤怒，因為不管我跟威動說什麼他根本就不理我。可是我還是想不通，為什麼我也無法帶他，我到底有什麼地方比不上單毅呢？他會唱歌我也會唱，他會寫字我相信我也不會寫的比他難看，到底是什麼原因呢？我到現在還不知道。

我對威動說，他不可以一直跟單毅玩而忽略了我跟文馨姊姊，這樣我們就不能成為一個團隊，要怎麼合作跟行動呢？確實因為這樣，我和文馨姊姊一再重複的和威動講道理，花太多時間在處理威動的情緒上，例如：他為了跟單毅一起玩就說要去大陸，怎麼講他就是要去、他不肯吃早餐，這一鬧又是一整個早上，我開始給他一些規定，如果在工作的時候他提單毅三次就不能跟他玩，結果他不但提很多次而且還被我處罰不能跟單毅玩，他哭了，這是還是我第一次見到他哭，最後不知是什麼原因他竟然聽懂我所有說的話，打算跟善意Shan Yi絕交。

從這件看似不愉快的事情上，我學了很多。其實我發現威動跟單毅的相處跟我的關係很像。威動會想要交朋友，要認同感，也會因為相處上的摩擦傷心。我，威動，跟文馨姊姊下來還有5天要相處，雖然有時候真的很生氣，可是我想我要漸漸改善我跟威動的相處模式。我應該要試著了解他的需求，慢慢跟他分析，用問題刺激他思考。因為我們這次是夥伴，我跟他的溝通應該是雙向的。我想這個深刻的體驗就是特奧青少年高峰會議的精神吧！因為很多的歧視其實是來自無知而非有意。同情跟照顧是不夠的，最重要的事要讓他們練習做自己。

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TEAM EGYPT

Determination ... and Courage

I was walking in the basketball venue when I met Vincenzo Tarantino who was getting ready for a match that is very important to him. Here is what he had to say:

"I am an athlete from Special Olympics Italy. I am 35 years old. I have two brothers and two married sisters. My father and mother are divorced. I live with my mother, who is here participating in the Family Program.

"I have been participating in Special Olympics for 15 years, but this is my first World Games as I have joined the Italian national team last year. I also play for the Toronto team in my country and our team won a bronze medal.

"I am also into athletics and I have won a silver medal in the Regional Games in long jumping.

"I like listening to music, writing poems and playing football. My favorite football player is Shevchenko.

"Special Olympics gives me the chance to have new friends, gain more experience and travel to other countries.

"I am taking a course to be a gardener. When I finish that course I will work as a gardener in my country.

"I wish to win more medals before the Games are over and be famous."

عبد الرحمن علي
صلاح حامد
التولة مصر
بطل في الحياة وفي الرياضة

ابراهيم عبد الغفار الزيني بطل من أبطال السعودية يحمل عزيمة كبيرة وفي نفس الوقت يحمل مسئولية كبيرة ذات الاربعة والعشرين ربيعاً مسئول عن أسرة كبيرة مكونة من اب وام وشقيقة اخوان واخوات يصل في الصباح ليحول أسرته ويكترب في المساء ليحلق البطولات لنفسه ولشدة ويثبت للجميع انه ذات قدرات عظيمة وانه قادر على فعل المستحيل حتى لبلاده والنفسه الحديد من الكبدات الذهبية والفضية في جميع المسابقات المختلفة في ألعاب القوى حيث التحق بالاولمبياد الخاص السعودي منذ ثماني سنوات واشترك في الحديد من مسابقاتها مثله الا على الحزام السعودي حمدان التيليكي البطل الاوليمبي يأمل ابراهيم في ان يكون من أشهر لاعبي المنتخب في بلده وقد قال مدربه عنه انه قادر على دخول مسابقات مع زملاءه من الاسوياء وتحقيق نتائج طيبة معهم
يمنى ابراهيم ان يكون أسرة ويتزوج ويمارس حياته كبطل من أبطال
لقد تكلمت كثيراً واحببت كثيراً بهذا البطل وباصراره وعزمته وتحديه لكل الظروف والصعاب وأظهر المستحيل الذي لم تجدها في أشخاص آخرين



TEAM LEBANON

The Story of Tim Coogan

Tim is 34 years old competing in sailing this week. Sailing is his life, which is obvious because he is surrounded by water at home (and he lives in Rhode Island, USA). His father passed away a long time ago so his mother is his great support. In an interview with the Global Youth Summit delegation from Lebanon he was very proud.

"I am an athlete from USA. I work in a supermarket (carrying bags). I save my money to buy anything I want.

"I've been in Special Olympics for 20 years. Sailing is my favorite. While I am in the sea I feel afraid and excited. I also play powerlifting, golf, volleyball, skiing, basketball and bicycling. I was nominated to be a Global Messenger.

"I met my coach first when I was 5 years old, then I lost contact with him for more than 10 years. One time I went sailing and there he was! Imagine my happiness with this reunion, and now he is my coach again. So my ambitions are to win a gold medal and have my own apartment."



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